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H.R. 2601 - To extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-Not-Call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 2601 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Cliff Stearns (R-FL) on June 6, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, by voice vote, on October 30, 2007.

H.R. 2601 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 11, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 2601 extends the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the “Do-Not-Call” registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule through 2012.

BACKGROUND

The federal “Do-Not-Call” Registry was established in 2003 under rules by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Earlier that year, Congress passed and the President signed the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act (P.L. 108-10), which provided the FTC the authority to collect fees and enforce the national registry through fiscal year 2007. The FTC rules prohibit telemarketers from calling numbers listed on the registry.

CBO ESTIMATE

“Based on information from the FTC, CBO estimates that the agency would collect a total of $107 million under the bill over the 2008-2012 period and spend $105 million over that period, assuming appropriation actions consistent with the bill. Over the five-year period, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2601 would decrease net spending subject to appropriation by $2 million. Enacting H.R. 2601 would not affect direct spending or revenues.”

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